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In re Application of
Uwe Vinkemeier et al
Serial No.: 09/430,806
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Attorney Docket No.: 600-1-182NA

: PETITION DECISION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 22, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and a Notice of Allowability, requiring new formal drawings, to applicants on March 11, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive the formal drawings the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on August 4, 2003. Applicants state that formal drawings were filed June 11, 2003, and provide an Office date stamped postcard, date June 13, 2003, evidencing receipt of the drawings by the Office. The drawings have also been found as scanned in the Image File Wrapper database. In view of the evidence presented the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the Publications Division for printing as a patent.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.


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